

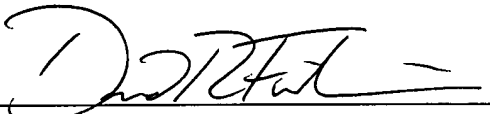
REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 9, 2005, in which claims 1-24 were indicated to be subject to a restriction requirement. Specifically, the Examiner requires restriction between either Invention I (claims 1-18, drawn to a magnetoresistive sensor apparatus, classified in class 360, subclass 324.12) or Invention II (claims 19-24, drawn to a method for inducing axial anisotropy in thin films of hard magnetic materials, classified in class 29, subclass 602.1+). The applicants hereby elect Invention I (claims 1-18) for examination on the merits. Also, claims 19-24 are canceled without prejudice. In addition, claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 13-16, and 18 are amended to remove acronyms from the claim language. Consideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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